



TROOP 314 NEWS

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BSA Troop 314 - Orange Frontier District
Westminster, (Midway City) California

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Scoutmaster's Corner

"Character" cannot be summoned at the moment of crisis if it has been squandered by years of compromise and rationalization.



The only testing ground for the heroic is the mundane. The only preparation for that one profound decision which can change a life, or even a nation, is those hundreds of half-conscious, self defining, seemingly insignificant decisions made in private.

Habit is the daily battleground of "character".

T-314 Tower above the rest!
Cyrus Bess, Scoutmaster
Troop 314



SPL's Corner

The meeting time change from 7:00 to 6:30 seems to be a success. But I remind you all, you need to arrive at 6:15 to set



up chairs and tables. Lately only Diego and myself have been setting them up!

Troop elections are coming up, so try to find a position of leadership, don't be afraid to take a high ranking one if you can. Being SPL or even ASPL looks very good during board of reviews, as it shows that you can be a mentor and leader.

Next meeting, the 9th, we will be making bottle rockets for the Cub Scout Pack 314 bottle rocket event coming up this weekend, so make sure to bring any supplies you need (2 liter bottle, cardboard, tape etc.). Many other troop events are coming up, so make sure to check this newsletter and the Scoutlander website calendar for dates and times.

I hope I have helped this troop move forward and improve during my time as SPL. I hope whoever is going to be the next SPL will be even better than me at running the troop. Thank you.

Jon F. –
Senior Patrol Leader



Scout-O-Rama, Saturday, May 9th was Big Success!

Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hight for all their hard work - purchasing the food, supplies, getting in early the day before, obtaining a good spot, setting up most of the gear and having the food ready to go in coolers, the day of.



Troop Booth won Unit Safety Award and Excellence Award!



Scouts had a great time cooking donuts, serving them - and the all the people who ate them really seemed to enjoy them, - including myself.



Troop Attends Memorial Day At Westminster Memorial Park

This was a fine event again this year. It was made more memorable and touching by the Keynote speaker, Erik Duane, Chief Warrant Officer 3, US Marine Corps, pictured below.



Viet and Owen Present the Troop Wreath



Troop Picture Courtesy of Hope Lutheran Church.

Robert Makes it Through his Eagle Board of Review!

Troop 314 has a new Eagle. It took Robert almost 9 months from start of his service project last year in September, to his successful Eagle Board of review in May. - And before that, 9 years of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts!



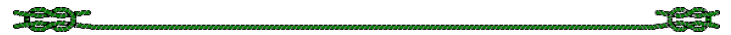
Thank You to all the, Scouts, Scouters, donors, volunteers and members of American Legion Post 555 - who made this journey possible!

Diego Sells Camp Cards - Like Crazy!



Diego was Orange Frontier's biggest salesman for the Scout-O-Rama Camp card. He has sold 60 cards and is working on moving 20 more!

Way to go Diego!



New Scouting Website:

<http://scoutingwire.org/>



Order of the Arrow Wiatava Lodge (#39) Santee Chapter News



OA Santee Chapter Meeting -
Chapter Meetings are held on every 3rd Thursday
of the month at 7:00pm at Holy Cross Lutheran
Church 🍁

<http://www.ocbsa.org/resources/order-of-the-arrow/>



By the way, those beautiful benches at the Buena Park Library still look great!

ATTENTION LIFE SCOUTS on ROAD TO EAGLE!

If you are Life Scout, or Parents, if your Scout is at Life rank - here are some useful links with downloadable documents needed for Life to Eagle Rank Advancement:



<http://www.ocbsa.org/lifetoeaglepacket/>

<http://www.ocbsa.org/advancement-documents/>

....and please be aware that "Letters of recommendation" are to be sent to Orange Frontier Advancement Chair at his home address.

You can contact Mr. Hess at 714 828 0138 or hessc41@hotmail.com



Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Jon F.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Alex. B.
- Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader: Christian D.
- Blue Phoenix Asst. Patrol Leader: Diego M.
- Autobots Patrol Leader: Elijah B.
- Autobots Asst. Patrol Leader: Robert P.
- Scribe: Mitchell Le.
- Webmaster – Open.
- Troop Guide - Open
- Quartermaster: Owen M.
- Librarian: Martin L. and Gabe B.
- OA Representative: - Open
- Chaplain's Aide: Austin Hallman
- Historian: Viet T.
- Den Chief - Christian D.

Open Position in Leadership

- Troop Guide



Patrol Advisors

Patrol Advisors help the Patrol Leader guide the patrol and improve their leadership skills.



The patrol leader should check with their advisor to plan patrol meetings and activities. If possible, the advisor should be present at patrol breakouts during the meeting to help plans go smoothly, and to oversee menus and other scout planning events.

Blue Phoenix Patrol
– Mr. M. / Mrs. Hight

AUTOBOTS
– / Mr. Feiffer



Meeting Night Patrols

Skill Patrol Leaders remember when you are planning the skills for the meeting, make sure different levels of Skills should be worked out, are appropriate to the theme, and that everyone is (and can be) involved. When possible – see if a competition or game & competition can be made out of your skills.

It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure they do. ***This means picking up the phone to confirm communication received and understood.***

Email or text are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional **voice** communication – a confirmed Phone message – read back of the message to ensure understanding might be good idea too.

No one in the patrol should leave until everything is cleaned up and put away, or the patrol leader releases them. **ASK YOUR PL or SPL BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**

Dutch Oven Cooking is only done during specified meetings. For example, Hot dogs and cooking are usually done when we have Webelos visit.

"It's the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man."



The Outdoor Code

***As an American,
I will do my best to -***

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

Be careful with fire.

***Be considerate in the outdoors.
and***

Be conservation minded



Scout Oath

***On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my
country and to obey the Scout
Law;***

To help other people at all times;

***To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake and morally
straight.***

Personal Mess kits: Troop 314 is Camping Green!

Personal Mess kits are used on 99.889 % of Troop campouts – If in doubt, buy one and bring yours!



TROOP WEBSITE:

The Troop 314 website, URL is:

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FYI a Google search of “BSA Troop 314” gets you this link:

[Boy Scout Troop 314 \(Midway City, California\) Homepage](http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com/)
www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com/

You have found the home page of: Troop 314 of: Midway City, California. Sponsored by: American Legion Albert E. Schwab Post 555, 14582 Beach Blvd.



The Troop can help you do something you always wanted to do!

**Scouts – You have the Power to
make some serious fun happen!**

**Just talk to Mr. Fieffer to get the ball
rolling on one of these great activities,
and while you are at it - step up to be
Scout in Charge. The Troop Committee
will hook you up with the parents and
resources to make it happen!**

Possible Activities:

Archery
Deep Sea Fishing - boat Trip
Ocean fishing – Pier trip / Surf.
Beach party
Annual Homework Burn Bonfire (June)
Bowling
Go Cart Racing (Family)
Hiking Trip
Backpacking - Hike in camp in wilderness
of Orange County or our mountain
backcountry
Snow Day – Grassy Hollow Visitors
Center – Out of Wrightwood.
Ski / Snowboard Trip
Laser Tag (Family)

Air Soft Games (Family)

Paint Ball (Family)

Shooting Range Could be a family or scout event depending what guns we want to shoot.

BLM land / Calico Ghost Town - Desert

Shoot – High powered Rifles / Pistols / and Shotgun skeet shooting (Family event)

Rock climbing - Indoor Rock

walls or natural climbs all

work as we have BSA Climb

Instructors in this troop and our own climb gear/rope!



Angel's Baseball Game

Gold Prospecting

Swim – Pool Time or a Summer Laguna Beach Trip

Scuba Instruction

Snorkeling / Beach Trip

White water rafting

Canoe River Trip

Annual Mistletoe Trip

Annual Homework Burn!

Usually June at Bolsa Chica State beach

Kayaking

Picnic / BBQ



Bring on the Adventure!

Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair



Get Out Your Calendars and mark these dates!

T314 EVENTS FOR June 2015:

No First Friday Dinner this month at Post 555

**1st Executive Committee Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 7PM**

**2nd Junior Leadership Council
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

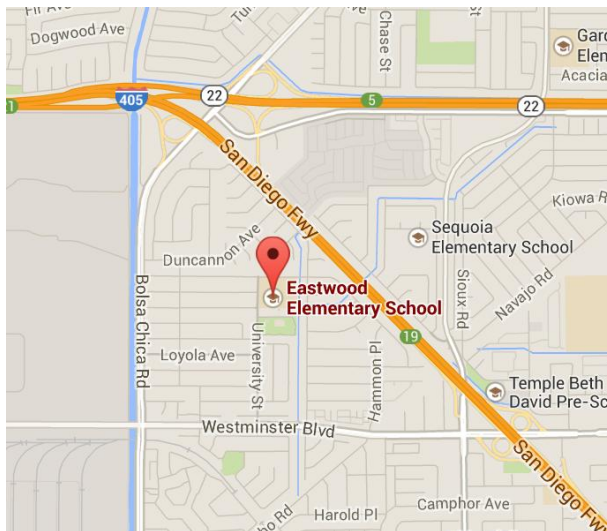
**9th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

- Please show up a bit earlier to help with setup and so meeting can start at 6:30
- 2 Liter Bottle Rocket Build
- New Officer Elections
- Parents – Eagle Service Project Proposal(s)

**11th Orange Frontier District
Scouters' Roundtable
7 PM at LDS Church 4000
Orange Ave., Anaheim (2nd
Thursday of each month)**



13th SATURDAY
Bottle Rocket Support for Pack
314 at Bolsa Chica Park next to
Eastwood Elementary School 11
AM



14th Flag Day



16th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM

- Please show up a bit earlier to help with setup and so meeting can start at 6:30.
- Working on Patrol boxes

18th Regular Order of Arrow
Meeting Third Tuesday (7:00pm at
Holy Cross Lutheran Church)

20th Home Work Burn
Bolsa Chica State Beach
6:30 to 10:00 PM Bring your
own dinner to cook at fire
pit.



Mr. Bess will take his motor
home and camp
for day to hold a
spot.



23rd Troop 314 Court of Honor
and Potluck Dinner at
American Legion Post 555 starting at 6:30

- New officer Installations
- Need all patrols in at 6:15 for dinner setup!

POTLUCK BREAKOUT:

Blue Phoenix – Bring a Main Dish

Autobots Patrol bring a side Dish



Cake, drinks hot and cold, water, coffee
will be provided by Mrs. Pearson.

30Th Troop FUNDRAISER Night

Location to be announced

As ever, Webelos Scouts and Parents are welcome to attend any meeting night as our guests!

Troop 314 Meeting Notes

- First meeting Month is now time for Committee Chair Parents Meeting.
- The Second Tuesday is usual time for Scoutmaster Conferences.
- The Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of Reviews for Rank Advancement.
- Fourth Tuesday could be for Patrol meetings if can get the Scoutmaster to come early or close late.
- No meetings are usually held on 5th Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers e.g.: Dinners.

Court of Honors are held 4 times a year, every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).

In **March** and **September** Scouts are honored for their rank advancements with a candle lighting ceremony and parents are given pins. This tends to be a long ceremony, so no dinners.

In **June** and **December**, our COH does not have candles and rank advancement pins for parents, but we add a potluck dinner in June – (Optional potluck in Dec. but usually kept simple due to constraints on time and sanity).

UPCOMING EVENTS!



July 6th Exec. Committee Meeting at American Legion Post 555

July 7th Junior Leadership Council (JLC) Meeting at 6:30 at American Legion Post 555

Camp Chawanakee
Troop 314 SUMMER CAMP 2015
July 19th to 25th

<http://www.seqbsa.org/camp%20chawanakee.htm>



Tour and Activity Plans – Online

Council will no longer readily accept emailed, faxed or walked in Tour and Activity Plans. They want them on line. Sign into MyScouting.org.

Online, you no longer have to collect signatures. Complete the plan and certify that any missing requirements will be completed before the trip begins. When you submit, an email will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, and designated emergency contact.

File Tour Activity Plan if the following apply:

- Trips of 500 miles or more
- Trips outside of Orange Co. Council borders.
- Trips to any national high-adventure base, National Scout Jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
- When conducting any the following activities:
 - Aquatics activities (swim, boat, float, scuba, etc.)
 - Climbing and rappelling
 - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
 - Shooting sports
 - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)
 - Any overnight camping



SCOUT IN CHARGE – YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

If you are the Scout -in-charge of an outing, activity, service project, Eagle project, training, patrol meeting, etc, after your event, please turn in your attendance sheet to advancement chair so the participants can get credit for attending.

The log should include date, start & stop time, location, and the list of who attended. If it's a service/Eagle project, it should include the hours that each participant worked to the nearest half-hour.

If it's a camping trip, it should include number of nights camped for each participant.

It's important to turn in this information in a timely manner. Some scouts may need these activities for advancement. You can hand deliver a paper report or email it to the advancement chair.

Mrs. Bess, Advancement Chair



SCOUT LEADER REQUIREMENTS:

“Keeping you informed”

Our Boy Scout leaders should work on the items listed below during their tenure in this position. They may be asked what they did at the end of their service by Mr. M. If they do not do their job, they cannot expect to get credit for this position for advancement.

If your Scout needs guidance, he can go to Mr. Bess, or his patrol advisor for help. Parents, we are listing scout responsibilities here so that you can be informed, and can remind your scout of his responsibilities too. This month we are highlighting Chaplain Aid.

WHAT DOES A Chaplain Aide DO?

Job Description:

The Chaplain Aide works with the Troop Chaplain to meet the religious needs of the Scouts in the troop. He also works to promote the religious emblems program. Reports to: the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (and works with the Chaplain)



Chaplain Aide duties:

- Show up to meeting 15 minutes before meeting starts – Gives invocation.
- Keep troop leader apprised of religious holidays when planning activities.
- Assists Troop Chaplain, or religious coordinator in meeting the religious needs of troop members while on activities. (Scouts own, Scouts Vespers)
- Encourages saying grace at meals while camping or on activities.
- Tell Scouts about the religious emblem program of their faith.
- Help plan for religious observance in troop activities.
- Attends at least 2/3 of each event type during his service period.
- Set a good example.
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly.
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Show Scout spirit.

Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:



Isaiah 40:31

But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

You Might be a Scoutmaster if:

- You gave your wife a mummy bag rated for -15 ° F for Christmas.
- Most of your wardrobe is olive drab or khaki.
- You didn't mind losing power to your house for three days.
- You raise your hand in the scout sign at a heated business meeting.
- You keep a bucket of water by your side while cooking dinner.
- You can stare at a spider web for an hour, and not notice the time passing.
- You carry your own toilet paper wherever you go.
- You always read by a flashlight.
- You hoard tent stakes.
- You decide to lash together the new deck on the back of your house.
- You disconnect the automatic dishwasher in favor of the "3 pot method".
- You cannot walk by a piece of trash without picking it up.
- You carry a first aid kit the size of a military duffle bag in your car.
- Your pots and pans are all black.
- You open letters with a pocket knife.
- You plan to serve foil meals at your next dinner party.
- You have something on your shoe...and you're sure it's only mud.
- You know 365 one pot meals.
- You actually own a left-handed smoke shifter.
- You buy your shampoo in little tiny bottles.
- You have to urge to help little old ladies...whether they want it or not.
- Everything in your cupboard is "instant, just add water".
- You really do use those emergency sewing kits.

Hall Use at American Legion Post 555

If you would like to have an event at the Post – from a training day, a car wash or an Eagle Court of Honor, please e-mail Mrs. Daly early at dalyracing@verizon.net to confirm the hall is available and to make reservations.

Mrs. Daly is our troop Chartered Organization Rep. She is also a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Post 555. Her phone is (714) 892-8508 for any follow up that is needed.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

*trustworthy,
loyal,
helpful,
friendly,
courteous,
kind,
obedient,
cheerful,
thrifty,
brave,
clean,
and reverent.*



JOKES, JOKES, JOKES

Have you heard these?

Chuck Norris can write with a microphone.
Chuck Norris remembers the future.
Chuck Norris broke a mirror and got 7 years of good luck.
Chuck Norris was once a paperboy.
- There were no survivors.

TROOP 314

TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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*"It was not the Declaration of
Independence that gave us freedom but
the Continental Army.
America was born from conflict,
delivered by soldiers willing to pay with
their blood the tremendous cost of
freedom."*

- Mr. Leif Babin, former Navy SEAL officer who deployed three times to Iraq.

